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USNATO HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 12

1. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FBS/MBFR PORTION OF
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SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS TO PRESS IN BRUSSELS

DECEMBER 9. PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

2. "I MIGHT MENTION THE RESULTS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK CONFERENCE. I THINK FROM THE STANDPOINT OF WESTERN EUROPE THAT THE RESULTS ARE INTERESTING, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO HAVE EQUALITY IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS, BUT PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO ABANDON A POSITION THAT IT HAS MAINTAINED FOR SOME YEARS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN CONSIDERATIONS WITH REGARD TO CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS. FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS WERE DROPPED FROM ANY DISCUSSION WITH RELATION TO THE CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE WILL BE ANY DISCUSSION OF FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS, IT WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. THIS HAS

BEEN A MATTER OF CONCERN TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES FOR SOME YEARS, AND THEREFORE IT IS PARTICULARLY NOTE-WORTHY THAT THE RESULTS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK CONFERENCE HAVE GIVEN THEM CAUSE TO REJOICE ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. IN ADDITION, I MIGHT SAY THAT THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH A COMMON CEILING WITH REGARD TO STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES WOULD BE A HARBINGER OF A DECISION TO ACCEPT A COMMON CEILING WITH REGARD TO FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE."

3. "Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT THE FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS WILL BE, IN FACT, TAKEN UP IN MBFR?

A. THERE IS NO INDICATION AS YET THAT THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. WHAT I HAVE INDICATED IS THAT DESPITE THE PRESSURE OF SOME YEARS, THE FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE FINAL DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO SALT II. IF THEY ARE TAKEN UP ANY PLACE, THEY WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN MBFR." END FYI.

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